## TWENTY SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTION PRESENTATION

Sri B. P. KADAM.—I beg to present the Twenty Second Report of the Committee on Private Members's Bills and resolutions.

Sri G. C. PATIL.—I move that the House agree with the report.

MADAM SPEAKER.—I think House agree with the Report.

(Agreed by the House)

## Petition *re* : Grant of 15 percent of Forest Revenue to TB and VPs in North Kanara—Presentation.

Sri V. M. GHADI (Haliyal).—I beg to present a petition signed by V. R. Patil and five others regarding granting of 15 per cent of forest revenue of North Kanara to Taluk Boards and Village Panchayats.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Petition is presented.

## Statement by the Minister of Industries and Parliamentary Affairs *re* : restrictions on the use of cement

Sri S. M KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

The House is aware that the country is facing a serious shortage of cement in relation to demand. As against an annual requirement of 21.00 milllon tonnes, the production forecast on the basis of 100 per cent utilisation of installed capacity is 15.50 million tonnes. The availability has been further curtailed and the shortage aggrevated from time to time by-coal shortage, dislocation of rail movement, power cuts and labour trouble. Having regard to the Letters of Intent and Industrial Licences issued for new capacity either by way of new projects or substantial expansion of existing fac'ories which have already been issued and the status of their implementation the position is not likely to improve to a significafit extent for atleast another two years and with the normal increases in demand from year to year taking place, the gap between availability and requirements will not be closed for atleast another three to four years. On the other hand. Our requirement of foreign exchange has become so acute that the ready international market for cement has to be tapped to some extent atleast in order to earn foreign exchange through export of this item.